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1903



James Penney

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A. A. O. N. M. S.
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Year Book



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Reception Committee.

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Address of the

Potentate Thomas Penney

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of ISMAILIA TEMPLE, A. A. O. N. M. S.,

December 26th, 1903.

NOBLES: We pilgrims, after varied experiences and extensive travels during the past year, are resting at this Oasis for the purpose of reviewing our experiences and acquiring wisdom for the conduct of our future pilgrimages. I therefore take this opportunity to remind you of some of the things that have befallen us during our journey.

On Tuesday, February 17th, 1903, many of our Nobles, with their ladies, attended the theater party at the "Star" and thoroughly enjoyed a delightful evening, listening to the musical comedy "A Chinese Honeymoon,"

Six sessions of our Temple have been held during the past year; three special, for ceremonial work, and three regular for business. Since the last annual report two hundred and two novices have stood bravely up to the Moslem test and have been permitted to join our caravan.

On July 6th, we entertained a large delegation from Omaha, escorting the Imperial Potentate on his way to Saratoga, together with a considerable number from Los Angeles, California, by giving them a ride about the City and a reception and dinner at the Hotel Iroquois in the evening, with all of which they seemed to be very much pleased.

An effort was made to secure a delegation from our Temple to make the pilgrimage to Saratoga, but so many of our number desired to wait until our Past Potentate was to be elected Imperial Potentate, that the plan was postponed until the coming summer when the Imperial party will meet at Atlantic City, and when it is expected a large and enthusiastic band of pilgrims will wend its way to the city of Mecca, and keep the sands hot until Imperial Potentate Brown returns to his native heath.

On August 12th a large number of Nobles and their friends went to Olcott Beach, and there spent a very delightful day and evening enjoying the varied amusements and a very sumptuous dinner.

On September 23rd a special ceremonial session was held at Niagara Falls, the ceremony being performed in the dining room of the Cataract Hotel and the banquet given at the International. The Nobles at Niagara Falls are entitled to much credit for the energy and care

displayed in the preparation for carrying out not only the ceremony but also the splendid entertainment that followed the banquet.

The Committee on Necrology has prepared a graceful tribute to the memory of the many Nobles who have joined the caravan which is journeying toward "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

The past year has demonstrated the fact that Ismailia Temple has become so large that the Masonic Temple is wholly inadequate to meet the requirements. Your officers have experimented with Convention Hall and find that although in some respects it is better than our old quarters it is not entirely satisfactory, and it seems to your Potentate that if the best results are to be obtained, the subject of adequate and suitable accommodations should receive the careful and earnest thought of the Nobles of this Temple.

In closing, I wish you each and all a happy and successful New Year.

Thomas Penney

Potentate.

✧ In Memoriam. ✧

*Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Ismailia
Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. :*

Your Committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the sense of the Nobles of Ismailia Temple on the death of

Illustrious Noble Charles W. Cushman,
herewith submit the following report.

WHEREAS the Supreme Arbiter of the Universe has seen fit, in His infinite wisdom, to summon before Him in that Unseen Temple, Illustrious Noble Charles W. Cushman, Past Potentate of Ismailia Temple, who departed this life on the 19th day of August 1903, and

WHEREAS, Illustrious Noble Cushman as Potentate for seven years and a charter member of Ismailia, was largely instrumental in laying the foundation for its present prosperity, therefore be it

Resolved, that while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him, who doeth all things well, we cannot but feel that the summons came to our Illustrious Noble e'er his labors were finished here below and while his guiding footsteps still were needed in the many walks of life. That his death exemplifies the saying, that the King of Shadows loves a shining mark.

Resolved, that in the death of Illustrious Noble Cushman a vacancy has been created in our ranks which can never be filled. No one in this community has done as much as he, to promote the interests of the Mystic Shrine and the same thing may well be said in reference to the several branches of Masonry, with which he was allied. This field of labor seemed to him a particularly happy one and how well his labors were performed was attested by the fact that to none came higher honors and also by the friends from every part of our country who gathered around his bier to pay their last sad tribute of respect to his memory.

Resolved, that in the death of Illustrious Noble Cushman this community has suffered the loss of one of its foremost citizens. One whose heart and hands were ever ready to serve the best interests of the community in which he lived. That no greater loss has ever fallen upon the Masonic Fraternity in this locality, than in the death of one who was universally acknowledged to be one of the brightest and most active in that great Fraternity. That this loss falls with greater force upon Ismailia Temple during whose early years it was watched over and carefully guided by the subject of this memorial who devoted so much of his time to the advancement of its interests.

Resolved, that the forgoing preamble and resolutions be entered in full on the minutes and a copy thereof sent to the family of Illustrious Noble Cushman.

FRANK T. GILBERT,
GEORGE L. BROWN,
BRASTUS C. KNIGHT,
Committee.

Attest:

Chas. E. Markham
Recorder.

Report of the Necrology Committee.

*Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Ismailia
Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.*

Your Committee on Necrology would most respectfully submit the following report.

Friend after friend departs,
Who hath not lost a friend,
There is no union here of hearts
That finds not here an end,

The deep significance of the foregoing lines comes to us with greater force at this time than ever before, as we look over the list of Nobles of Ismailia Temple, who have entered the Unseen Temple during the past year, we are simply appalled, twenty-six good men and true have passed to the other side. Not only have we suffered a greater loss during the past year by reason of the greater number who have left us, but the list contains the names of many who have during the years gone by, aided materially in bringing Ismailia Temple up to its present standard. The time and space at our disposal precludes the possibility of our giving to the name of each of those contained in the list of our departed ones, as extended a notice as has been customary in the past. So we shall confine ourselves, in most cases to a brief mention of those who were with us one year ago and whom we miss at this meeting.

Daniel W. Odell, of Olean, died on February 13th, 1902, but his death was not reported to us until April 3rd, 1903. He was created a Noble of the Mystic Shrine on the 30th of April 1900.

Frederick Knoll, entered into rest January 18th, 1903. He was a member of Queen City Lodge, Keystone Chapter and Hugh De Payens Commandery and was created a Noble of the Mystic Shrine February 19th, 1892. Noble Knoll was a regular attendant at the meetings of the Shrine for many years and enjoyed the sociability connected therewith to an eminent degree. During the last few years of his life his health became impaired, so that we missed him from those meetings which he had formerly loved so well.

Leuel T. Bendryx, of Cuba, N. Y., died January 24th, 1903. He was created a Noble in Ismailia Temple September 29th, 1898.

Emanuel Rommell, of Lockport, N. Y., entered the Unseen Temple February 9th, 1903. Noble Rommell was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine May 29th, 1891.

Frederick E. Fisher, of Olean, N. Y., departed this life on the 6th day of March, 1903. Noble Fisher was made a Noble of Ismailia on the 29th day of April, 1902.

Noble George W. Voss, was suddenly summoned hence to that bourne whence no traveler returns on the 29th day of March, 1903. Probably no member of Ismailia Temple was more highly regarded or had more intimate friends than Noble Voss. Quiet and unassuming in his nature, yet every one who was admitted to his intimacy, felt that he was a true friend in whom one might with safety confide. Neither envy nor malice had a part in his nature, and he fully realized that silence is golden when you cannot speak well. He was the recipient of the highest Masonic honors at the hands of his brethren. He was Past Master of Hiram Lodge, Past High Priest of Buffalo Chap-

ter, and Past Commander of Lake Erie Commandery. He was created a Noble of the Mystic Shrine on the 28th of November, 1888. His death was a great shock to the community, and he is mourned by all who knew him.

Troy B. Franklin, of Middleport, N. Y., died April 17th, 1903. He was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Ismailia Temple on the 25th day of May, 1900.

Hurlburt L. Phillips, of Jamestown, N. Y., departed this life on May 6th, 1903. He was created a Noble in Ismailia, May 16th, 1902.

Heman M. Blasdell, of North Collins, N. Y., met his death on the tenth day of May, 1903 in the destruction by fire of his residence at North Collins. His wife also losing her life at the same time. Noble Blasdell was an energetic business man and had accumulated a competency. He was the founder of the town bearing his name, about seven miles out of the city. He had served his constituents in the Legislature of the State of New York. He was created a Noble in Ismailia Temple, May 25th, 1898, and was a regular attendant at all our meetings thereafter.

Harry D. Meyers, of Sistersville, W. Va., died May 27th, 1903. He was made a Noble in Ismailia Temple, February 15th, 1889.

Albert W. Dold, died on the 5th day of July, 1903. He was created a Noble in Ismailia Temple, March 21st, 1899.

Charles W. Cushman. The citizens of Buffalo, and especially those connected with the Masonic fraternity were deeply shocked, when on the morning of August 19th, 1903, they heard the sad intelligence that Illustrious Noble Charles W. Cushman had passed away. We have seen at his impressive funeral rites, and read in the columns of the daily papers, so many glowing tributes to his memory, that any words added at this time would seem almost superfluous. Suffice it to say, that every Noble of the Mystic Shrine, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from

the Gulf of Mexico to the frozen regions of the North knows what the Order owes to Illustrious Noble Cushman, and if any there be who possibly may have forgotten, they will always find some member of Ismailia to remind them that the birth and growth of one of the strongest Temples in existence today, is largely due to his untiring efforts. Noble Cushman had a happy faculty of making friends everywhere. His bright genial nature especially fitted him to enjoy the social features connected with our institution, and he seemed never more at home than when presiding at the banquet table. Certainly, no member of Ismailia possessed the extensive acquaintance throughout this broad land that did Noble Cushman. Scarcely a city in the Union wherein he could not clasp the hand of a friend, and at the Annual Meetings of the Imperial Council, as he entered the door of the place of meeting, the salutation "Hello! Charley," would resound from one side of the room to the other. Alas he is gone, and we shall never look upon his like again. May the bright vision of our Illustrious friend and Noble as we knew him at his best, ere the grim tyrant had marked him for his victim or disease had sown the seeds of decay, linger with us until time shall be no more.

Noble James S. Moore, departed this life September 14th, 1903. Noble Moore was a member of Washington Lodge, Keystone Chapter, and Hugh De Payens Commandery. He was created a Noble in Ismailia Temple June 29th, 1892, and was regular in his attendance at our meetings. His was a genial and sunny nature, and he had many warm personal friends in whose pleasant society he passed many happy hours.

John S. Snaith, died October 19th, 1903. Noble Snaith was a member of Queen City Lodge, (of which he was Secretary at the time of his death), Keystone Chapter, and Hugh De Payens Commandery. He was made a Noble, April 3rd, 1889. He had been in feeble health for a number of years, and though the summons came suddenly, was not entirely unexpected.

Albert J. Diller, was summoned hence on the 28th of October, 1903. He was a member of Lake Erie Commandery, according to the impressive rites of which he was laid to rest October 31st. Noble Diller was made a Noble in Ismailia April 29th, 1892, and was a regular attendant thereafter.

George W. McCoy, of Olean, N. Y., entered the Unseen Temple, October 28th, 1903. He was created a Noble in Ismailia Temple April 30th, 1900.

Noble Clarence W. Hammond, passed away on the 30th day of October, 1903, following an operation from which he never rallied. Noble Hammond was a member of Hugh De Payens Commandery and was made a Noble in Ismailia Temple June 26th, 1888. For several years he had been in failing health and had sought relief in other climes, but in vain. Even up to the last, he continued to attend to his duties at the bank, although it was apparent to his friends that he was in no physical condition to do so. Although he must have found relief in that deep sleep which knows no waking, his loss will be deeply felt by all those who had found him a kind friend and brother and a true Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

James W. Chatman, crossed to the other side on the 30th day of October, 1903. Noble Chatman was a member of Queen City Lodge and Buffalo Consistory. He was created a Noble in Ismailia Temple June 10th, 1893. His was one of the most familiar figures on the streets of our city and few if any had more friends than he. In the years gone by his fine voice was ever at command of those who needed it, either at the house of feasting or at the house of mourning. He was a prominent member of the G. A. R., of which he was Secretary of the Relief Committee, and the heart of many an old soldier was made glad by the words and deeds of Noble James W. Chatman.

Robert C. Davidson, of Curwensville, Pa., died at that place on the 14th of November, 1903. The funeral was held in this city on the 17th day of November. Noble Davidson was created a Noble in Ismailia on the 31st day of January, 1893.

George J. Siegle, entered into rest on the 23rd day of November, 1903. He was made a Noble in Ismailia Temple January 29th, 1897. Noble Siegle at the time of his death was Supreme Record Keeper of the K. O. T. M., with headquarters at Port Huron, Mich., where his death occurred. His remains were brought to this city and buried from the home of his sister, Mrs. E. H. Roos, Wednesday, November 25th.

Fred A. Schmidt, died on the 26th day of November, 1903. Noble Schmidt was a member of Queen City Lodge, Buffalo Chapter and Hugh De Payens Commandery. He was created a Noble in Ismailia Temple April 29th, 1892. He was for many years in the Surrogate's office in this city, where his courtesy and affability won him many friends who will miss him at his post of duty.

Frank B. White, of Friendship, N. Y., departed this life on the 26th day of November, 1903. Noble White was created a Noble in Ismailia December 29th, 1902.

Dr. William B. Jackson, of Springville, N. Y., received the summons which none may disregard, on the 28th day of November, 1903. Noble Jackson was a member of Springville Lodge and Chapter, and Hugh De Payens Commandery. He was created a Noble in Ismailia Temple on the 3rd day of April, 1889, at the meetings of which he was a frequent attendant. Noble Jackson had an extensive practice in and about the village of Springville, whose patients as well as the Nobles of Ismailia will mourn his loss.

John Hilton, of Dunkirk, N. Y., passed away on the 6th day of December, 1903. Noble Hilton was a member of Dunkirk Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, having served the latter body as its Captain General for 16 years. Nothing speaks in higher terms of one's Masonic labors, than a record of 16 years as Captain General of a Commandery. Commanders may come and go, but he to whom the credit is due for bringing his Commandery up to that high standard which is always our great aim, still remains at his post of duty. Noble Hilton was created a Noble in

Ismailia Temple April 29th, 1892, and since that time his face and form have become familiar to the frequenters of Ismailia Temple. All honor to Noble Hilton, he rests from his labors. He will be missed in Ismailia Temple, in Dunkirk Lodge and Chapter, but especially in Dunkirk Commandery, which he served well and faithfully for so many years.

Noble Walter L. Lamont. While we thought that this list of departed Nobles for the year 1903 could not be increased, comes the sad intelligence of the death of Noble Walter L. Lamont, of Niagara Falls, to whom the summons came suddenly, at his home in Niagara Falls, on December 25th, 1903, while preparing with his family for the Christmas festivities. Noble Lamont had resided in Niagara Falls about 27 years, and was highly honored and respected by the citizens thereof. He had also filled many positions of trust in his home city. His funeral occurred on Sunday December 27th and was under the auspices of Niagara Frontier Lodge of which he was a member.

William W. White, died December 27th, 1903, at Oil City Pa. He was created a Noble in Ismailia September 29th, 1890. The news of the death of Noble White came to your Committee this evening, too late to more than simply mention the fact of his death.

And here Nobles, we leave our departed ones, whose bodies repose under their covering of bright and beautiful snow, and whose spirits have entered into the presence of their Great Creator. If we have omitted in this report to give to each Noble what possibly his merit demanded, it is either for lack of time and space, or want of sufficient data to meet the exigencies of the case. Suffice it to say, that the fact of their being Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, is sufficient evidence that good men and true they must have been to come thus far to promote this noble and glorious work, and here are we content to leave them.

Dated December 29, 1903.

Frank T. Gilbert, Chairman,
Committee on Necrology.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Buffalo, N. Y., December 29, 1903.

To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers, and Members of Ismailia Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Your trustees herewith present their second annual report, for the year ending December 29, 1903.

Cash on hand as per last annual report, Dec. 30th, 1902.....	\$5,167.51
Jan. 2, 1903, Rec'd. from Noble Charles F. Bishop, Treas.....	1,500.00
Dec. 29, 1903, Rec'd. Interest on deposit Erie Co. Sav. Bk.....	99.55
Dec. 29, 1903, Rec'd. Interest on deposit Buffalo Sav. Bank.....	99.56
Dec. 29, 1903, Rec'd. Interest on deposit Fidelity Trust Co.....	26.69
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	\$6,893.31

All of which is deposited to the credit of Ismailia Temple, as follows:

Erie County Savings Bank.....	\$2,920.16
Buffalo Savings Bank.....	2,920.17
Empire Savings Bank.....	203.90
Fidelity Trust Company.....	849.08
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	\$6,893.31

JOEL H. PRESCOTT,
GEORGE P. WILKINS,
Trustees.

TREASURER'S REPORT

for the year ending December 29th, 1903.

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Dec. 29, To balance on hand.....	\$3,109.84
Received from Recorder to date,.....	\$10,058.50
Interest People's Bank.....	48.45 10,106.95
	<u>\$13,216.79</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Recorder's orders, No. 1177 to No. 1319 inc.....	<u>\$10,734.78</u>
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1903.

Dec. 29, Balance on hand.....	\$2,482.01
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Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. BISHOP,
Treasurer.

RECORDERS' REPORT.

December 29, 1903.

*To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Members of
Ismailia Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. :*

Your Recorder begs permission to submit the following report for the year 1903:

Membership last report.....	1,456	
Created during the year.....	165	
Gain by affiliation.....	38	
Gain by restoration.....	3	1,662
Loss by death.....	26	
Loss by Dimit.....	3	
Loss by suspension.....	38	67
Present membership.....		<u>1,595</u>